

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-28 and 30-51 are pending in the application, although claims 38-51 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In response to the Amendment filed March 22, 2004, the Examiner removed the indefiniteness rejection of claim 31. However, the Examiner maintained the previous prior art rejections, except for the anticipation rejection of claims 1-3 and 13. Thus, the current status of the claims is the following.

Claims 26, 28, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by previously-cited Snyder (US 6,643,641).

Claims 1-3, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over previously-cited Smith et al. ("An Image and Video Search Engine for the World-Wide Web," hereafter "Smith") in view of Snyder.

Claims 5, 6, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Snyder, and further in view of previously-cited Kleinberg ("Authoritative Sources in a Hyperlinked Environment").

Claims 7 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Snyder and Kleinberg, and further in view of previously-cited Attardi et al. ("Automatic Web Page Categorization by Link and Context Analysis," hereafter "Attardi").

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Snyder and Kleinberg, and further in view of previously-cited Schuetze et al. (US 6,564,202, hereafter "Schuetze").

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Claims 15-20 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over previously-cited Finseth et al. (US 6,271,840, hereafter “Finseth”) in view of Attardi.

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Attardi, and further in view of Schuetze.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of Attardi.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of Schuetze.

Claims 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of previously-cited Richardson et al. (US 6,108,620, hereafter “Richardson”).

Claims 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of previously-cited Hoffert et al. (US 5,903,892, hereafter “Hoffert”).

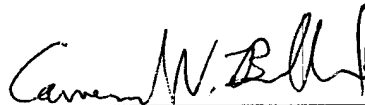
In the present Amendment, Applicant seeks to cancel claims 1-51 and add new claims 52-70. By canceling all of the rejected claims, Applicant renders moot all of the current claim rejections. Applicant submits that claims 52-70 are allowable over the prior art.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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